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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: Mr. Nathan W. Ha

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s): Makoto TERUI et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/022,268 )  
Filed: December 20, 2001 )  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR PACKAGE AND )  
METHOD OF FABRICATING SAME )  
Docket No: OKI 286 )

REQUEST FOR  
SUPPLEMENTAL  
OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The Office Action of April 14, 2003 has been received and it is anticipated that a response will be filed in due course. However, supplementation of the Office Action is respectfully requested for the reasons noted below.

Section 2 in the typewritten portion of the Office Action rejects all of the claims on the ground that "all of the newly added limitations such as substantially, causing protrusion, locally roughened render new matter" represent new matter. This rejection is so broad in scope that it would be difficult to respond to it in a meaningful manner. The case contains both amended claims and new claims, and it should be unnecessary for Applicants to have the burden of pointing out support for all of the changes in the old claims and also for all of the wording in the new claims.

It might be thought that specifying "newly added limitations" in the Office Action, and mentioning a few of them, would be sufficient to permit Applicants to identify any further limitations that would come within the scope of the new matter rejection. Not so. The term "substantially," (as in "substantially spherical" in claim 15), is not a new limitation. Instead, it is a relaxation of an old limitation. "Causing protrusion" does not seem to appear in the claims. Is

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the wording in claim 11 intended? The presence of questions regarding two of the three examples provided in the Office Action are sufficient to demonstrate that the examples did not provide a reliable guide that would permit Applicants to identify "all of the newly added limitations" that are allegedly new matter.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the present Office Action be supplemented by a further Office Action that explicitly identifies each limitation that is deemed to be new matter, and at least one claim in which that limitation appears.

Respectfully submitted,

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